

2010

Youth in Transition Conference

October 3-5, 2010



Helena, MT



Red Lion

Build a pathway to success!

The **2010 Youth in Transition Conference** is a **YOUTH** and parent– centered event that will assist *any* youth with disabilities and their teams to prepare and plan for after high school.

This venue will include:

A “Real Life” Fair: participants can meet with a wide variety of community resources.

Keynote Presenters and workshops are geared toward students, parents and educators. The variety of information and presentations make this conference valuable to **everyone** invested in successful transitions.

Students, parents, and all relevant team members are encouraged to attend!

Transition to What?

Housing

Transportation

Recreation

Employment

Education/Training

Financial Aid

Community Service

Self-Advocacy

Conference will begin **October 3rd** with registration at **1:30 PM** and will end at **11:30 AM** on **October 5th**.

Cost: Individual: \$50

Group rate: \$40 per person (for groups of more than 3 individuals who register together)

Team and individual scholarships for teachers, administrators, students and parents, are available to attend the Transition Conference. Scholarships will reimburse registration costs, lodging (at current state rate, including tax), and mileage. Team applications will be given preference. A team is considered two or more people from the same district attending the conference.

You may find scholarship information and the application at:

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/PDF/SpecED/Transi/YITConferenceReg.pdf>.



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Many Montana transition partners have come together to make this conference possible. Our goal is to make this opportunity available to as many Montana families as possible.

We look forward to seeing you there!

www.montanayouthtransitions.org
Registration and scholarship information is available.

LODGING INFORMATION



Super 8

Single (\$65 +tax)

Ph. 406-443-2450

Red Lion Colonial Inn

Regular (\$89.95+tax), King (\$99.95+tax)

Ph: 406-443-2100

Days Inn

Single (\$75+tax), Double (\$81+tax)

Ph. 406-442-3280

These rooms are first come, first serve, so make your reservations immediately!

Each hotel also has a limited number of handicap accessible rooms available.



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Keynote Presenters

Andrew J. Imparato is the first full-time President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), a national non-profit, non-partisan membership organization of people with disabilities, their family members and supporters that was founded in 1995. AAPD pursues its mission of political and economic empowerment of all people with disabilities through public policy advocacy and programs fostering leadership development, mentoring and career exploration, voting and civic participation, and member benefits. With more than 100,000 members, AAPD is the largest cross-disability membership organization in the U.S.



Imparato, whose perspective is informed by his personal experience with bipolar disorder, is frequently called upon to write, speak or provide testimony about disability issues. Imparato graduated with distinction from Stanford Law School and is a summa cum laude graduate of Yale College. He lives in Baltimore with his wife and two sons.



Luca "Lazylegz" Patuelli offers a highly energetic, interactive, and an inspirational performance where he shares his story of his own story of success and failures, determination and optimism. He will also "burn-up" the dance floor with his unique style and invites participants on stage to dance with him. He believes that everyone can be an inspiration to him, since we all learn from one another, and **"it's about taking the bad and making it good"**.

Luca was born with Arthrogryposis (multiplex congenital), which is a rare muscle disorder that limits motion in the joints. Typically, this rare disorder can affect any part of the body but fortunately in Luca's case, it affects primarily his legs. Luca never let his disability slow him down, actively participating in "normal" everyday activities such as swimming, diving, skiing, horseback riding, sailing and skateboarding too.

At the age of 15, a knee surgery left Luca unable to pursue his passion and potential career as a professional skateboarder. This put him in a position to discover his newfound interest in "B-boying" also known as Breakdancing. Noting his muscular arms and natural athleticism, Luca's friends knew he would do well in this extremely dynamic activity. They took him to his first breakdance show/competition and shortly after that "Lazylegz" was born.

To date, Lazylegz has performed on stage with world-renowned artists such as Kanye West, Talib Kweli, K-OS, the Nappy Roots and many more. Recently, Luca has been teaching Dance at schools for children with disabilities. In 2009, after pursuing his studies for seven years, Luca finally graduated from Concordia University with a major in Marketing. Today, Luca "Lazylegz" Patuelli wishes to bring his B-boying career to a higher level of strength, power, skill and ingenuity. Check out Luca's videos on YouTube— they will amaze and inspire you!